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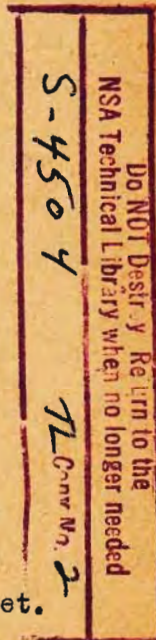
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COPYREPORT OF INTERROGATION OF COL. KETTLER ON 21 MAY 45.

OBTAINED FROM OKW (NORTH) BY SUPREME HQ AEF CONTROL PARTY (GKW) AT FLENSBURG.

1. GENERAL

Obst. KETTLER is head of the Chiffrierabteilung (Intercept and Code Breaking) branch of OKW. (Ag WNV/CHI) He is co-operative but did not appear to be well informed.

The department was headed by Lt. Col. Von der OSTEN from 1942 until 1943. He was followed by Obst. BOETZELL until the middle of April when the split came. Obst. Boetzell took that part of Chi that went South. Obst. Kettler took the part that came North.

2. WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The department had three roles:-

1. Development of German codes and ciphers.
2. Monitoring of radio communications.
3. Breaking and evaluation of codes and ciphers.

Detail of Role 1.

OKW (Chi) produced codes and ciphers for the Army only. The Navy and Air Force produced their own. There was, however, a coordinating committee that met every month composed of Army, Navy and Air Force.

Detail of Role 2.

Monitoring was carried out on:-

All press and broadcasts outside Germany.
All radio telegraphy stations outside Germany.
Their own radio traffic.

Detail of Role 3.

Obst. Kettler stated that his department was successful in breaking high grade ciphers of various countries including British, American, Russian, Turkish, French, Italian, Spanish and Polish. He did not know full details but Dr. HUETTENHAIN, i/c Deciphering and Decoding Department, would be able to furnish fuller information.

3. DETAIL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Chi Z - Major Lober: Internal affairs, personnel and Administration.

Chi I - Capt. Grotz: The organisation and control of all branches outside of Berlin.

Chi II and Chi III - Lt. Col. Mettig:

Chi II: Making of codes and ciphers.

Chi III Printing and distribution of codes and ciphers.

Chi IV and V - Min. Rat Fenner: These two departments have been amalgamated. Decoding of all countries' ciphers.

Dr. Heuttenhain: Chief Decoder.

Chi VI - Lt. Seyfarth: Press and radio news summaries.
(Note: Tech. Ob. Insp. BUCH, i/c Line Communication section, was placed under control of Chi 1)

Chi X: This department was in former times Chi 7. For camouflage it was called Chi X.

The department put together the results and evaluated the work of Chi V.

4. RECORDS

All records of the department were sent to the South; first to HALLE - they were then to go to Lake CHIEMSEE and Lake SCHLIERSEE in BAVARIA.

5. PERSONALITIES.

Oberst KETTLER	- i/c Chi North - HODDRUP near Flensburg.
Col. Boetzell	- i/c Chi South - South
Dr. Huetttenhain	- Head of Deciphering Dept. - Hoddrup near FLENSBURG.
Dr. Fricker	- Head of Cipher Compiling Dept.
Major Lober	- Head of Chi Z - HODDRUP near FLENSBURG
Capt. Grotz	- Head of Chi I - South
Lt. Col. Mettig	- Head of Chi II and III - South
Oberst Kehler	- Head of Chi VI - South
Min. Rat Fenner	Head of Chi IV and V - South
Tech. Ob. Insp. BUCK	- i/c Line Communications Section - ?